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A METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF (2S, 3AR,7AS)-OCTAHYDRO-IH-INDOLE-2-CARBOXYLIC ACID AS KEY INTERMEDIATE IN THE PREPARATION OFTRANDOLAPRIL BY REACTING A CYCLOHEXYL AZIRIDIN WITH A DIALKYL MALONATE

the specification of which (check one): () is attached hereto, or () was filed on:

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